

REMARKS

Applicants thank Examiner Cosimano for the personal interview of April 25, 2002. In accordance with the interview and this response, reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. Claim 12 has been amended. New claims 29-36 have been added. The basis for the above amendments and additional claims may be found throughout the specification, drawings and claims as originally filed.

Independent Claim 12

Independent claim 12, and dependent claims 13-28, which ultimately depend from claim 12, stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over either Sibley, Jr. (4,677,552) or Shavit et al. (4,799,156) or Wagner (4,903,201 or 4,980,826) or Silverman et al. (5,077,665 or 5,136,501) or Wiseman (5,168,446) in view of an obvious need. Reconsideration of claim 12 and claims dependent therefrom are respectfully requested.

Claim 12 as amended recites in part, **in a negotiated matching system**, a user interface displayed on a trading terminal comprising first, second, third and fourth display regions. The invention embodied by this claim is not shown or fairly taught by the prior art of record. In the Examiner's interview, Examiner Cosimano also agreed that this claim defined over the prior art of record and would be allowable.

Accordingly, independent claim 12 and claims 13-18, which depend therefrom, are allowable.

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Independent Claim 29 and Dependent Claims 30-36

Independent claim 29 and dependent claims 30-36 have been added. Claim 29 as amended recites, in part, “[a] method for displaying a user interface on at least one terminal **in a negotiated matching system ...**” that comprises the steps of displaying values in first and second display regions, a potential match in a third display region, and a negotiation in a fourth display region. This claimed invention is not shown or fairly taught by the prior art of record. In the Examiner’s Interview, Examiner Cosimano also agreed in principle that a claim of this general scope defined over the prior art of record and would be allowable.

Accordingly, independent claim 29 and claims 30-36, which depend therefrom, are allowable.

Objections to the Drawings

The drawings were objected to for allegedly failing to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. In the Examiner’s Interview, Examiner Cosimano agreed that at least fig. 4 does depict the claimed subject matter of claim 12 according to at least one embodiment. Figures 4 and 6 together depict the claimed subject matter of claim 12 according to other embodiments, and other claims are depicted by one or more of the figures.

Accordingly, Applicants request that this objection be withdrawn.

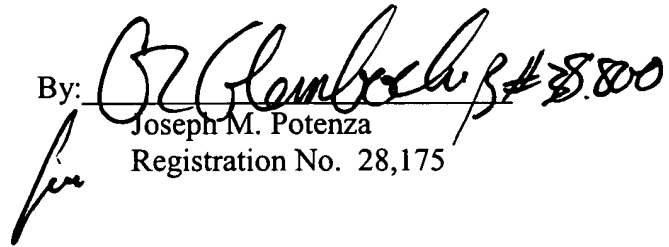
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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the CLAIMS to read as follows:

12. (Twice Amended) ~~A-~~In a negotiated matching system for identifying potential counter parties to a transaction and enabling communication between the parties to negotiate at least some of the terms of the transaction, said system including a matching computer, a plurality of terminals corresponding to a plurality of users, and a network for transmitting negotiating messages between two or more of said terminals in response to an identified match of at least some transaction data, at least one of said terminals comprising a user interface displayed on a said at least one trading terminal for use in electronic trading system for negotiating trades between a first user and a second user, said first and second users inputting non-negotiable and negotiable values, said user interface comprising:

a first display region for displaying said input of non-negotiable values from said first user;

a second display region for displaying said input of negotiable values from said first user;

a third display region for displaying a potential match between said input of said non-negotiable values from said first user and said input of non-negotiable values from asaid second user; and

a fourth display region for displaying a negotiation between said input of negotiable terms of said first user and said input of negotiable terms of said second user.

